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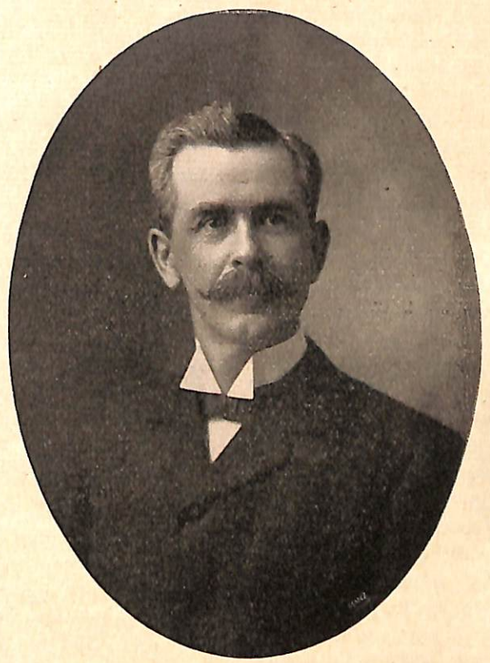

E. SIR D. M. BROWNLEE.
SIOUX CITY, IOWA,
GRAND COMMANDER OF IOWA.

TEMPLARS HONOR BROWNLEE.

His Election Grand Commander is Celebrated with a Banquet.

EMINENT KNIGHTS WERE SPEAKERS.

A Past Grand Commander and Deputy Grand were Among Them—Diamond Badge Presented to the Sioux City Man.

Knights Templars of Sioux City and from abroad joined last night in a congratulatory reception to D. M. Brownlee, of Sioux City, in honor of his recent election as right eminent grand commander of Iowa, Knights Templars. The beautiful asylum of Columbian Commandery, No. 18, in the Masonic building, was brilliantly lighted and for two hours preceding the banquet they were thronged with men and women who came to offer congratulations to Mr. Brownlee. At 10 o'clock the assembled Knights and their ladies sat down to a spread, more than 140 occupying places about the banquet board.

During the exercises of the evening Grand Commander Brownlee was presented with a magnificent diamond badge, emblematic of his rank, by his fellow members of Columbian Commandery. The presentation speech was made by William Milchrist, who referred to Mr. Brownlee's faithful services as a member of the Sioux City Commandery, and closed with predictions of his equal faithfulness in his new duties. Mr. Brownlee made a feeling response, thanking the commandery for its token of good will.

A number of prominent out of town Knights were in attendance upon the reception, among them being Judge A. B. Dewey, of Washington, past grand commander of Iowa, and W. H. Norris, of Manchester, Ia , deputy grand commander of Iowa. Letters of regret and congratulation were received from numerous other prominent Iowa Knights.

The speechmaking was presided over by Capt. R. J. Chase as toastmaster, who filled the duties of the position admirably. Addresses were delivered also by Judge Dewey, W. H. Norris, E. W. Caldwell and William Milchrist, and every one of them contained the most cordial tributes to Masonry and Templarism in general, and expressed congratulation to the guest of the evening upon the distinction which had been accorded him by the highest tribunal of knighthood in the state, recognizing the high personal character which this selection vouched, and the compliment which it is to Columbian Commandery and to Sioux City. Many of the sentiments were most eloquently expressed, and they were cordially endorsed by the applause of the knights and ladies. It would have been impossible to arrange a more effective tribute to any citizen, and Columbian Commandery surpassed even the expectations of its friends in the exquisite manner in which the whole affair was conducted.

During the evening there was excellent music by an orchestra and very fine singing by a quartett, the "Good Night" selection being especially enjoyed.

In Hungary two lodges were added to the roll in 1898.

Among the Lodges.

DON'T EGOTISE.

No one shall outstay us in adoration of the many shining lights that shine upon the Ancient and Honorable Institution, but we cannot enthuse worth a half sheckel over the efforts at making Masonry so unlike all other laudable institutious around it that it must look like a weak sect trying to do missionary work with a heathen majority. We can appreciate Masonry without nursing the idea that, human or divine, it can have no superior, and certainly no equal. Selfishness feeds and grows upon the egotism of "nonesuch," and whenever we get to egotising to too great an extent our usefulness will be lessened and our relations to the communities in which we ought to be a vital force will become detrimental. Let's praise Masonry, yea let's laud its antiquity and crown its altars with the poetic legends of dim outlines of Jewish Solomons and pagan Hirams, but let's not make it a golden image before which all baser metals must bow. Let's celebrate, but don't let's egotise.

"TEMPLES AND SUCH."

Our esteemed exchange, the "American Tyler," has taken upon the heads of its youthful editors the solemn and weighty responsibility of deciding what constitutes a "Temple" masonically. It rules out all but such, like the Great Philadelphia Temple, where nothing secular (other than Masonic bodies) can put its form in or about. Among the terrible unsexing forces that will have to succumb to the youthful judges comes the Order of "Eastern Star and the Mystic Shrine." We doubt not when our neighbor gets through with this crusade that "The Tall Cedars" will get a slap, and the "Knights of Constantine" will be decided "uneaqual." But, then, what boots it after all? This year marks the forward movement, when having been "prepared in his heart" the particular building does not constitute the true temple. The true Temple of Masonry is within its votaries, and though the room in which its solemn vows were taken were over some place of busiuess, yet that room and that altar were the sanctifying paraphernalia that honored the occasion. We do not believe that the argumentative part of those articles, paragraphs, squibs and items, will create either interest or profit. We've got Temples in the west that will be ruled out—about all of them for one or other of the self-appointed prophets classification—but they are temples just the same.

WEED OUT DISSENSIONS.

One of the most disastrous troubles that can be allowed to creep into a Masonic body is the miserable dissension that arises from petty personal differences between members. Two men disagree, each has personal friends to whom is retailed the differences, and these in turn air their version until it comes into the Masonic body to which all belong. Here, since it gives opportunity to the secret venting of their purposes, begins to work the fell poison that sooner or later destroys. Candidates are rejected, both sides array themselves in contest; the more noble and glorious purposes of the institution are lost sight of; all that is meanest in both parties is called out to the detriment of the defenseless body—work ceases, elections are warped into political methods, officers are subborned to truckle to the contest that never should have come into the Order, and finally the unseemly bickerings destroy entirely all semblances of that brotherly spirit of who best can work and agree, and the lights of Masonry are snuffed cut in that community.

It is not best for us to point to an abuse without suggesting a remedy, and this we now do: Weed out the dissension; suppress its ventillation in the body, if need be, drive out the disturbers, by local means if possible, by invoking the higher fraternal authority if necessary; but out with them. Let the good and true men (and women) deliberately take things in charge and we know of no reason why the "black-ball fiend," the brawler on the floor nor the kicker from "way back," nor even the "ancient" of the way they "used to do" shall run thump into the ground. This course followed with cheerful persistence will relieve the worst cases by one or two applications.

ROOM FOR THE BACKWARD ONE.

When one has always been talkative and forward in his fraternal bodies he can hardly appreciate the benefit of those little concessions that grow out of thoughfulness for others. The three or four old due guards who arise on all occasions, and with the proper titles at their tongue's end, discuss and dissect every item of business every time, might well take a long vacation—to let the other fellow talk once. The most tactic Master we ever knew had a habit of asking the old Tyler what he thought of certain measures that were to be proposed, and in like manner he asked others the same—when it came to concensus of opinion he had it and literally called out those whose ideas he had developed to rehearse them for mutual benefit and always to profit.

If there is anything which makes one's hair stand on end it is to have the Master get up and apologize to a candidate for the manner in which a degree has been conferred. If the work has been done in a bungling and erroneous manner the least said about it the better. A candidate knows nothing different from that which he has received, and to apologize to him does not create a correct impression in his mind. It is exceedingly bad form to call attention to errors during any part of a degree, as is frequently done. It is well to note the incorrect rendering, and then correct it at some opportune time, but never should it be done in the presence of the candidate lest his good opinion of the institution be destroyed.—*The Illinois Freemason.*

Let the officers who have been set over the Craft emulate the virtue of prompt attendance upon the communications, especially by being on hand to "welcome the coming and speed the parting guest," and complaint of non-attendance will cease.

Work was almost blocked during the recent hot spell, yet some lodges kept at it.

The Pettibone Bros. Mfg. Co., of Cincinnati, recently sent an outfit to Honolulu for their famous side degree, "The Missing Link or D. O. G."

This Disorganized Order of Gorillas will soon begin to cut wide swathes in the peaceful shades of the tropical island.

The Big Gorillas and the Old Gorillas of the jungles will no doubt come to town to take part in the fantastic torch-light processions of the new Hiawaian D. O. G.

"Daddy Ryan," one of the prominent Freemasons of Louisville, Ky., was made a Mason in Crescent, No. 25, of Cedar Rapids, in 1863 or 4.

In the Commanderies

PERSONALITIES REPREHENSIBLE

In all our experience of the Grand Commandery the present one is the first in which any seekers after preferment ever stooped to use personalities in electioneering—for the latter is the gentlest term by which we can apply—for the election of candidates to office. Desiring nothing but Knightly courtesy and fair dealing we shall hold our pen in readiness to render service hereafter against such abuses.

The twenty-ninth annual reunion of the Crusaders' Association, Knights Templar, will be held this year in Philadelphia, in the Continental Hotel, September 17th and 18th. This is a party of survivors—a last-man's club—attached to Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, K. T., who made the famous pilgrimage to Europe in 1871. They keep up their organization, meet each year in some portion of the globe, have a banquet and a good time generally—old stories to tell, old wood to burn, old wine to drink, and old friends to trust. Since the ever-memorable crusade, twenty-one have died out of the party of forty-three who left New York on the 3d of June, 1871, for a tour of the world. Three cannot be accounted for. Michael Riley is president of the association; A. M. Rambo is secretary. Both are of Philadelphia. John J. Fisher, of Pittsburg, is treasurer; and his wise disbursements meet with the approval of the party. There is, perhaps, something less than $50,000 in the treasury, and the last man is to get what is left.

An effort is being made to raise the money to build a pavilion at the foot of the stairs on the shore at Templar Park. Every Commandery should respond. The question of attendance is settled. Now let's make our Templar summer home equal to "The Inn," or any other resort.

The Eastern Star.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE EASTERN STAR IN IOWA.

BY THE EDITOR, P. G. P.

CHAPTER 1. (CONTINUED.)

The roll of those present at the first convention will be of interest, no doubt: Jennie E. Mathews, M. E. Wilbur, Mrs. O. N. Williams, E. B. Dyke, J. W. Darland, E. E. Savage, G. H. Jackson, Mrs. G. H. Jackson, Mrs. M. Tabor, Miss E. H. Bennett, G. W. Nash, J. N. Clark, and as an honorary member J. O. Baxter. G. H. Jackson was elected G. P.; Mrs. O. N. Williams, G. M.; E. E. Savage, Grand Secretary. The convention adopted a constitution, rules of order and "jurisprudence," all of which doubtless constitutes a substantial foundation on which the grand superstructure of the Order in Iowa is builded. When this work had been done the Grand Officers were installed by Sister Mathews. Allegience to the General Grand Chapter was declared from the first.

The first Grand Officers were:

G. H. Jackson, Grand Patron.

Mrs. O. N. Williams, Grand Matron.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Associate Grand Matron.

E. E. Savage, Grand Secretary.

J. Norwood Clark, Grand Treasurer.

1879.

The second annual session was (again) held in Cedar Rapids, opening Tuesday, May 13, 1879. Twelve Chapters had united with the Grand Chapter. Some others are described in the G. M's address as "still on the anxious seat."

Chapters 6, 25, 36, 42, 49, 50 and 56 were represented.

Among the visitors were Drs. E. A. Guilbert and H. P. Button, Bros. S. D. Ruggles, J. O. Baxter, E. P. Madison and D. H. Moore.

The income of the Grand Chapter for the year was $168.06. The reported membership, 356.

The organization of Grand Chapters in Minnesota and Iowa was considered a "great victory" by G. G. Secretary, A. E. Graul, of Patterson, N. J.

The privilege of affiliation with the Grand body was extended for another year to the "outside" Chapters—on payment of dues and acknowledgment of allegience.

The remuneration of Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary was made $25 each.

The Grand Lecturer "could not avoid meeting with more or less opposition on account of the prejudice existing in the minds of many regarding the public work of a lady."

The Grand Matron found that "most of the wives considered the whole proceeding a 'sell' arranged by Masons to pacify their wives." What a change has come over our dreams in these later days—when this Order stands in peerless majesty beside the Ancient and Honorable Institution—inately modest in disclaiming Masonic authority—but surpassingly fraternal in practicing Masonic principles.

1880.

The Grand Chapter met in Council Bluffs, May 11, 1880.

The M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Elmira Foley; of Keokuk, Iowa, was present.

Chapters 25, 26, 36, 42, 49, 50, 51, 54, 57 and 58 were represented, while 59 and 6 reported but were not represented.

The differences which arose over the "McCoy" and the General Grand Chapter bodies caused some disturbance, but not serious.

During this year the immortal Rob Morris was within the State and expressed himself (to the G. M.) as believing in the General Grand Chapter, but opposed to the bitterness created by the change.

The membership of this year is reported at 468 in 16 Chapters. The total income for the year was $111.55.

The following were the Grand officers elect:

J. Norwood Clark, Grand Patron.
Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron.
Mrs. P. F. Farnham, Asst. Grand Matron.
D. H. Moore, Grand Secretary.
D. M. Harris, Grand Treasurer.

The report on correspondence shows that the Order in its present form (G. G. C.) is organized in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illonois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York (?), New Jersey, Vermont, Texas and I. T. The report show that the third (biennial?) session of the G. G. Chapter is to be held in Chicago in August, 1880.

A list of the membership is published in the proceedings but no one can tell where the Chapters are located.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Brother, it is your duty to daily exemplify good will, therefore open thy heart and thy purse, and dispense Masonic light and relief as freely as thy ability will permit and thy brethren's necessities may require. And with thy well-doing to the craft forget not others who need thy friendly aid. Thus act, and joy will attend thee, for not even the proper giving of a cup of cold water shall fail of its reward.

Oh, the blessedness of peace, unity and plenty, and oh, the sin of those who cause confusion, discord, hatred and malice, and separate friends and brethren! What can atone for and amend such unmasonic doings?

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GRAND LODGES MEET.
Cedar Rapids, June 5, 1900.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
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CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
A. B. HYATT...Dubuque..ACT'G GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 10, 1900.
J. H. PETTIBONE...Burlington..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1900, Des Moines.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Washington, D. C., May 22, 1900.
LOU B. WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Abolish all mileage and per diem provisions in all the Grand bodies in Iowa. Let the per capita tax be proportionately reduced. Throw the question of expenses of attendance upon the subordinate bodies. Keep this idea alive.

Hot!

Hotter, but wholesome.

Some shirt waist bodies are picnicing.

Some other bodies are working right through the summer.

Both kinds of bodies are needed—in some sections to be idle, even to rest, is to die—in others endless activity means death.

No apology is offered for this "double number" since we are trying to catch back to the first of the month in the slim news season of the year.

Persistence, we are thankful to say, has given us a growing foothold among our brothers and fellows. Some leave us, others come. We have afforded to do some of the waiting and a little of the working. We look for our reward. Credit given at par even for kind words. Postage stamps (even stuck together) also acceptable.

POOR REDRESS.

Once in a while we notice an item in our exchanges going after the non-reading class; as though such delection would increase its circulation—but how? The people who never see the paper are neither convinced nor awakened, and some of them who have been faithful fail to enjoy it. There will always be a class of non-reading Masons who will consider that they do not need a Craft paper to perfect them in their estimate of themselves, and we've given that class over to their own devices long ago.

A HISTORY OF THE SHRINE.

The Oriental Publishing Company, of Philidelphia, have brought out an illustrated history of the Mystic Shrine, which promises to be very interesting as the initial literature of the Order in this country. It is a folio-octavo volume; bound in heavy paper, fine color design cover, and sells at 50 cents for this edition. Subscribers who pay up can have the book and the "Freemason and Fez" for a new year, for 75 cents. Subscriptions for the book received at 50 cents for advance orders. tf

The Mystic Shrine.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

El-Kahir tried to hold a summer outing at Spirit Lake but was refused a dispensation (though in concurrent territory) so they stayed at home to cut bait.

Cyprus, Albany, books a "feast" during Rajab, to end with a Tanta Fair. Dates referred—to Tom Bishop—for we can't find 'em.

We've the blank application for "space" on Islam's Pilgrimage to Honolulu, H. I., but we're shy on subscriptions, which if paid up, would permit us to be gay too. They had the "trolly" on the pyramid August 8th.

We've the circulars of the "Imperial Grand Council," black Nobles of the Shrine, to meet in Washington October 3d, next. (Wonder if the Turkish Minister will mistake them for the "real terrible," as he did us last May?)

B. M. CLEVELAND,
POTENTATE,
WATERLOO, IOWA.

Kaaba Temple went to Creston August 25th, under a "conditional dispensation" and had a good meeting.

Za-ga-zig Temple, Des Moines, is to start out on September 4th, with a large number of distinguished Nobles present, as well as a big class of Novices. Most of their membership comes from El-Kahir's roster; which ought only to energise the old and perpetuate the new.

Ahmed, Marquette, Mich., is to have "all kinds of trouble" September 5th.

Zurah informs us that his Imperial Majesty, Lou B. Winsor, will pass through Minneapolis September 5th, while Osman, St. Paul, is reported as on also for an Imperial visit. They'll have a good time whichever or whenever.

Moila, St. Joseph, Mo., had a basket picnic at Lake Contrary, August 16th. We think Worden sent our notice late for fear we'd be there. The way they pahted thaih names in the middle caihs one back—way-back—now, try this—Agunaldo Pateetown

Clayton; or Arling Mince Worden; but shades of our ancient old chairman family think of our "cousin" "Cholly Gregarious" Geiger.

Sahara, Pine Bluff, Ark., went to Texarkana July 12th. They had the ladies at the banquet, which was served in Elk's Hall.

El-Kahir will hold her first Fall Festival at Waterloo, the town of her Potentate, on September 20th, and the outlook is for a large class and a good attendance.

WELL SAID.

The fact is that most of the attacks on the Mystic Shrine are unwarranted and uncalled for; inconsistent and unfair—and frequently close on untruthful. If the Shrine claimed any direct connection with the Masonic institution, or was an organization designed to control the recognized bodies of Masonry, it might be justly subject to the criticisms against it.

But as an organization it is innocent of offenses against Masonic propriety or authority. It leads all other organizations composed of Masons or appertaining to Masonry in its charities, and in recent years it also leads them all in contributions to temple building.

There is no Masonic law compelling a Templar or Scottish Riter to become a Shriner; there is no Shrine enactment prohibiting a Noble once in the Shrine from retiring if the order does not please him. If you don't like the Shrine, stay out of it. If you become a member and find you don't like it, get out of it. If you stay in the institution you should loyally support it. It is a dirty bird that befouls its own nest.—*Fraternal Record.*

TRENTON SHRINERS "GET UP A CLUB."

The Mystic Shriners of Trenton, N. J., have organized a society for mutual benefit and amusement, with Noble Adam Exton, as President; Noble Harry F. Smith, Vice-President, and Noble Walter D. Pownall, Secretary-Treasurer. The last named Noble will get an initiation fee of $1 from each of the members, and $3 a year dues. An annual dinner and an annual outing are among the good things in sight. There are in Trenton about 125 members of Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia.—*Standard*

DR. FLEMING IN ARABIA.

Dr. Walter M. Fleming, first Potentate of Mecca Temple, who went abroad about two months ago, is now in Arabia, where he hopes to acquire further knowledge of the Shrine and the Order of Bektash. His return to these shores, laden with the wisdom of the East, is awaited with great interest by the faithful.—*Masonic Standard.*

IMPERIAL LOU IN IOWA.

The state of Iowa is to be honored with the presence of Lou B. Winsor, Imperial Potentate of North America. He is to institute the Temple at Des Moines, Sept. 4th, and will go to St. Paul next day.

ZA-GA-ZIG INVITES.

We've had an invitation to the Officers and Nobles of El-Kahir Temple on hand for a month, and we regret that it will not come out in time to do our readers much good. It is to attend the institution in Des Moines September 4th.

Out over the State we've been silently "spying out the land," taking notes and preparing to give additional interest to our local columns.

The friends of Brother Michael Riley will be pained to learn of his serious illness, at his residence, Thirty-seventh and Hamilton streets, Philadelphia. To feel that the death angel is silently hovering over his abode fills our heart with grief most poignant. To know him is to love him, and his hosts of friends and the craft throughout the length and breadth of the land are deeply moved and solicitous as to his fate.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

BY THE EDITOR.

CHAPTER VI.—CONTIUED.

1884.

This should have been announced as the tenth annual session of the Imperial Council—and some nearer view of its doings is permitted us from the more elaborate treatment of subjects. Nobles were informed that those who had no diplomas should have them when their Temple returned the names and *fees*. Returns were called for in the same pathetic style that characterises most fraternities. From the Imperial Potentate's address we discover that the past year had "been the most remarkble one of all its predecessors for our Oriental institution"—as regards new temples, increase in membership, equipment and ceremonials. It would seem that thus far but little attention had been paid to paraphernalia or the perfection of ceremonials; and the results are self-declarative. The Directory—a sort of tribunal, seems to have had its tribulations with the frisky Arab, who in their zeal for the conversion of the ignorant, lost sight of the jurisdictional lines—and this mostly among the western Temples!

A deputy at large for special duty, Noble George Nan Vliet was appointed; also A. W. Bernard, of Butte, for Montana; John Worthington, Isle of Malta, for the Orient.

Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Penn., was given a dispensation Dec. 31, 1883, and reports up a blooming success. Dr. Daniel E. Hughes was its first Grand Potentate. It had four hundred members when less than six months old (and still holds a foremost place among the great Temples of the Order.) The institution took place January 10, 1884.

Salam Temple, Olney, Ill., instituted Jan. 29, 1884, with Wm. H. Curtin as first *Grand* Potentate, and reported as having thirteen members, is among the list that in 1899 had to surrender its charter because other temples around it had absorbed its life material. Thus early was begun the sapping influence that will strew the desert with the bleaching bones of the older temples along the path to Mecca. This year Canada is opened. Murat, Indianapolis, (March 13, 1884), John T. Brush first Potentate, and until three years ago John seemed to be among the active elements in the Imperial Council. Since then he has given us the go by—and we've known far meaner men than John T. This year Grand Treasurer Joseph M. Levy was authorized to confer the Order and establish Temples in "England, Wales, and elsewhere." It is needless to add that outside of Canada there are no affiliated temples outside the territory of the United State to-day, (1900.)

The magnificent entertainment of the Imperial Officers, in Chicago, April 16, 1884, brought out a ringing compliment in the address—closing it with these words:

"May not a noble heart in Greek or Turk,
In breast of Arab, as well as Christian lurk?"

Which might lead a person to wonder whether New York people had any doubt of the facts *before* they had been entertained by Medinah. Shades of the Prophet in the cave! they should have been in Chicago during the G. A. R. encampment of 1900, and they'd have written the line large:

There's not a nobler heart in Greek or Turk,
Than in the breast of Chicago Arab lurk.

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1884 witnessed the institution of Boumi, Baltimore, Md.

The large and long continued indebtedness of the Council is announced as settled.

The inconvenience of the "*active membership*" scheme crops out, and the feeling that the fast growing membership in newer territory must be recognized, causes the address to notice conditions.

Benevolent activity by the temples of a general and generous character has set in and is noticed.

Twenty-one temples are enrolled, Mecca, New York, leading with 492 members.

The question of erecting a monument to the late Illustrious John Howard Payne was favorably considered.

Among the reports on foreign correspondence there is nothing more interesting than the letter from W. J. Florence, a number of suggestive outline engravings from Dover.

Lastly, an official decree was issued (Jamaz ul Awwal 17, 1301), intradicting the "farcical, burlesque, frivolous, profane," in the published notices of temples.

Mayhap such a decree in A. D. 1900 would lay some of the criticism now growing hot against us for the burlesqueing of Mohammadan religious terms.

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ADDRESS OF JOHN WILSON.

[*Masonic Festival, Dec. 27th, 1898.*]

We bid you welcome one and all,
To meet us in our mystic hall,
It warms our hearts to meet you here,
Our wives, our children, and our neighbors dear;
Let social glee and love abound,
Let nothing in our midst be found
To curb our mirth, or mar our joy,
Or mix our pleasure with alloy;
Let young and old, and grave and gay,
Spend the fleeting hours as best they may.

And now dear friends while thus we meet,
Let each one here be just as sweet
As sweet can be, let each one see
How nice it is that all agree
To live in peace and unity.

Though Masons are famed for being rough,
Have a reputation for being tough,
Yet while you are here you need not fear
The bunt of the goat, nor the kick of a steer.
We reserve our goat and his wicked pranks,
For those who venture within our ranks;
So though you have passed through our untiled door,
You may count yourself safe on our checkered floor.

You know that the story has gone abroad,
That Masons travel a crooked road,
That we strain the nerves and crush the bones
And laugh at our candidates' bitter groans.
That it sears the senses and dulls the mind
To smile as our goat keeps bunting behind,
That for ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain
We excel the Chinaman again and again.
It has even been said that the late war with Spain,
With its great waste of wealth and thousands of slain,
Was first hatched and bred in the Masonic brain.
We sweep back this libel as a venomous stain,
Upon an order, that in its first degree,
Counsels obedience to law and love of country.

We who keep traveling on the inside track,
And patiently take all these whacks on the back,
Pity the men who will publish such lies,
And struttingly speak as if they were wise,
Of things they really know nothing about;
It makes the heart sick to hear such men shout
And cry long and loud to stem Masonry's streams
With no solider stuff than that made of their dreams.

But methinks I hear a murmuring sound,
Though not very loud yet somewhat profound:
If Masonry is so good as you Masons say,
Why not be so good as to give it away
To Tom, Dick, and Harry?
Or to Belle, Kate and Mary?
That others may reap the good it can give,
And by being Masons know better how to live?

To Tom, Dick, and Harry we kindly say,
That for the worthy and true, there is a way
For you to get in, and then you can see
How brethren such as we
Can dwell in peace and unity;
And need not for a moment stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way
That leads to light and love,
To a heaven here, and the heaven above.
But to Belle and Kate and Mary,
We feel they will have to tarry
A little while longer,
Until woman's righ's grow stronger.

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Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

RATHER INCONSISTENT.

We notice by the secular press that one grand body of a great fraternity is going after a Past Grand for using portions of the ritual lectures in his report to another body; and in the same week one of the Grand Representatives the entire action of the grand body on a case of appeal, to the same class of journal. Why whip one and let the other go?

The Fraternal Congress met in Boston August 27th.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is having a marvelous growth.

It sounds "pickyunish" for a great Masonic publication to characterise the Fraternities now past thirty years of successful growth as "mushrooms." Such envious snarlings would better become other than Masonic editors.

The Mystic Workers of the World have started a lodge in Marion.

The difference between the Fraternities carrying indemnity for the members, and their critics who pride themselves upon untrammeled benevolence, is that of systematic benevolence, and hand-me-out charity.

Book Table and Invitations.

We owe Secretary Rambo, of Philadelphia, Penn., our thanks for an invite to the 29th annual reunion of the Crusaders.

Al-Chymia, Memphis, Tenn., has our regrets for the invitation to take a ride on the "Georgie Lee" August 16th.

Grand Secretary Ransford, (Sister Nettie) of Indiana, has our thanks for the proceedings of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of her state for 1900.

Al-Koran Temple Year Book, edition de luxe with "mah" name on in gold, has come to hand, for which Sam Briggs and all his angels has our thanks.

Murat Temple, Indianapolis, sends us their roster done in black and gold. We note that their fee is $50 and dues $3 per year. Thanks to Recorder Smith.

Tom Bishop, of Greenbush Heights, (Albany), N. Y., belongs to a lot of "bodies." He's an Elk, and a good one—Past E. R. of Albany Lodge, No. 49, and he sends us the souvenir program of their carnival held July 31, to August 4, 1900. Thank'ee Tommy.

Some presentations are overlooked every month by being sent to Cedar Rapids. Our office is Marion, Iowa; street car distance out and a different post-office Heed this.

A GOOD INSTITUTION.

The Hamilton County Masonic Employment Bureau, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has done, and is doing good work. At the annual meeting held a few weeks ago the reports show an excellent record. During the year 1899 there were 92 applications for employment, of which 80 were supplied with situations. During the three years of the existence of the Bureau there have been 330 applications and 230 situations secured. This speaks well for the efficiency of the Bureau. Such work is practical Masonry. Judge Ferdinand Jelkes in an address at the annual meeting said:

"The Masonic Employment Bureau is an exoteric manifestation of the very essence of Freemasonry. The great tenets of the order, brotherly love, relief and truth, are comprehended in Masonic charity. Masonic charity is a synonym for Scriptural love in the highest sense.

"The relief aspect of Masonic charity is best set forth by excluding that which it is not. Masonic charity is in no sense alms-giving. It partakes rather of the attributes of justice. Alms-giving is unknown in the relations of Masonic brethren. There is no dole from the proud of purse to the humiliated mendicant, but rather the just distribution of this world's opportunities among brothers. In this sense the Employment Bureau has struck the key-note of Masonic charity.

"The Mason who receives a dollar through the activities of this organization, has it not as a gift, but by the highest right of property, because he earned it. The Bureau has furnished to him the opportunity to exercise the noblest function of life, to put forth the uplifting and regenerating force of the world—that is, honest

labor. Pure love made concrete in honest work is the Godward tendency of man. In this sense, as Hamilton W. Mabie has said: 'Work is practically inclusive of every force and kind of life; since every real worker puts into it all that is most distinctive in his nature. The moral quality contributes sincerity, veracity, solidity of structure; the intellectual quality is disclosed in order, lucidity and grasp of thought; the artistic quality is seen in symmetry, proportion, beauty of constrution and of detail; the spiritual quality is revealed in the depth of insight and the scope of relationship brought into view between specific work and the world in which it is done.' This, then, is not only the material, but the ethical and spiritual mission of the Bureau."

The Masons of Hamilton county have set an example worthy of emulation in every community. He best helps another who affords him the means to help himself. This is acting out the true principles of the fraternity. It is said that those who have secured employment through the Hamilton County Bureau, earn about $100,000 annually, which certainly speaks volumes in favor of their work. This has been accomplished by systematic effort on the part of the Bureau.—*Masonic Standard.*

NON-AFFILIATION NOT ALWAYS A CRIME.

It seems that at one time, away back in the thirties, the "non-affiliate" was not hounded, nor was he such a disreputable individual as he is regarded at the present time—certainly not quite so bad as the Grand Lodge of Missouri is made to consider him, says *The Tyler*, which it does in the section of the laws branding him as a "suspeded" Mason if he remains out of a lodge more than one year. Not that he has committed any crime; yet Masons are barred from any Masonic intercourse with him. But read the following and be convinced that once upon a time a "non-affiliated" was not as black as he is now painted: "When Masonry was under the ban of public opinion non-affiliation was not a Masonic crime. In 1830, when Stephen Van Rensselaer, Grand Master of New York, so far succumbed to the pressure of the anti-Masonic excitement as to decline a re-election, the Grand Lodge elected as his successor, in that perilous emergency, Morgan Lewis, late a Major-General in the United States army, ex-Governor and Chief Justice, President of the Societies of Cincinnati and St. David. When the committee of the Grand Lodge visited the venerable patriot—then nearly seventy-five years of age—in his retirement, and informed him of his election, he cheerfully accepted the responsibility, and threw the weight of his name and influence in favor of the fraternity. A grateful craft re-elected him again and again, and he continued to fill the office until his death, in 1844, when 5,000 Masons threw the evergreen sprig into his grave. Yet Morgan Lewis was an *unaffiliated* Mason, and remained so until 1842, when, in the 87th year of his age, he affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York City. Thus, in those dark days, which tried the souls of Masons, a non-affiliated Mason could be Grand Master."

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